

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SANAA 00490 261445Z

55

ACTION INR-07

INFO OCT-01 NEA-09 ISO-00 CIAE-00 NSAE-00 /017 W

----- 056794

R 261350Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY SANAA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5075

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANAA 490

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINR, PINT, YE

SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOR PRIMIN ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-GHANI

REF: A) SANAA 0192, B) STATE 020175

1. INFO REQUESTED REF B BEING SENT DEPT. TELEGRAPHICALLY TO AVOID POUCH DELAY. PRIMIN'S OFFICE WILL FORWARD EMBASSY RECENT ABD AL-GHANI PHOTO WHICH WILL BE POUCHED DEPT. AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

2. BIO INFORMATION REPORTED REF A ACCURATE TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE. ABD AL-GHANI'S FIRST YARG POSITION WAS AS MINHEALTH FROM NOVEMBER 1967 TO JANUARY 1968. ABD AL-AZIZ MOHAMMAD AL-HUBAISHI MENTIONED REF B WAS DEPUTY MINHEALTH FOR SHORT PERIOD IN 1967 BUT WAS REMOVED BEFORE ABD AL-GHANI'S APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER. REPORT ON ABD AL-AZIZ'S LEFTIST TENDENCIES APPEARS ACCURATE ALTHOUGH HE IS PRESENTLY NOT ACTIVE IN PUBLIC LIFE AND IS SEMI-RETIRED AND RESIDING IN HOME VILLAGE OF HUDAISHI.

3. APPROXIMATE DATES SOUTH YEMEN RESIDENCE 1954-1958 AND 1964-1967. RETURNED YAR AT TIME OF SOUTH YEMEN INDEPENDENCE.

4. FOLLOWING IS SYNOPSIS OF ABD AL-GHANI'S PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND.

A. BIRTHDATE: JULY 4, 1939

B. BIRTHPLACE: VILLAGE OF HAIFAN, AL-QABITA DISTRICT, TAIZ PROVINCE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SANAA 00490 261445Z

C. RELIGION: SHAFAT MOSLEM

D. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION: FOLLOWING PRIMARY EDUCATION AT HAIFAN VILLAGE SCHOOL, WENT TO SOUTH YEMEN FOR SECONDARY TRAINING. EXACT DATE OF DEPARTURE UNKNOWN. GRADUATED FROM ADEN COLLEGE 1957. FOLLOWING YEAR SPENT STUDYING AT TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN ADEN. DURING SAME PERIOD TAUGHT IN THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL LOCATED AT STEAMER POINT, ADEN.

E. HIGHER EDUCATION: OBTAINED BA IN ECONOMICS FROM COLORADO COLLEGE LOCATED COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, IN 1962. RECEIVED MA ECONOMICS UNIV. OF COLORADO (BOULDER) IN 1964.

F. CAREER: 1964-67 - SENIOR TEACHER IN ENGLISH, SOCIOLOGY, AND COMMERCE, BILQIS COLLEGE, ADEN, SOUTH YEMEN
NOVEMBER 1967-JANUARY 1968 - MINHEALTH, YAR
JANUARY 1968-SEPTEMBER 1968- DIRECTOR AT YEMEN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
SEPTEMBER 1968 TO APRIL 1969-MINECONOMY, YAR
APRIL 1969-TO JANUARY 1970 DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JANUARY 1970 TO AUGUST 1971-MINECONOMY, YAR
AUGUST 1971-APRIL 1972-CHAIRMAN OF YEMEN FUELS CO. (LATER YEMEN PETROLEUM CO.)
APRIL 1972-JANUARY 1975-GOVERNOR, CENTRAL BANK OF YEMEN
JANUARY 23, 1975- PRIME MINISTER, YAR
ABD AL-GHANI ALSO LECTURE ON POLITICAL ECNOOMICS AT SANAA UNIVERSITY 1972/73 AND 1973/74.

G. FAMILY STATUS: MARRIED TO ADENI BORN LADY NAMED ASIYA. HAS FIVE CHILDREN, THREE BOYS AND TWO GIRLS.

H. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: ABD AL-GHANI TAKES A POSITIVE OUTLOOK TOWARDS THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ALTHOUGH HE IS IN FAVOR OF STRONG YARG SUPPORT FOR THE SEVERAL SEMI-PRIVATE CORPORATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN KEY AREAS OF THE ECONOMY. AS GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK, HE HAS INSTITUTED BANKING AND CURRENCY REFORMS WITH CONTINUED ASSISTANCE FROM THE IMF. HE IS KNOWN AS STRONG SUPPORTER OF ALL AFFILIATES OF THE WORLD BANK. ABD AL-GHANI IS AN ADVOCATE OF FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 SANAA 00490 261445Z

YEMEN AS MEANS OF ENCOURAGING EXPORTS AND INTRODUCING NECESSARY LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT INTO CURRENTLY INEFFICIENT ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS ON OCCASION SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE CIGARETTE AND SALT COMPANIES IN THE CONNECTION. ABD AL-GHANI HAS ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN AT YAR'S NOTABLE LACK OF ADEQUATE DEEP WATER PORT FACILITIES AND IS ONE OF THE OFFICIALS WHO ENCOURAGED KUWAIT FUND TO DEVELOP MODERN SALT EXPORT CAPABILITY AT SALIF. WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, PRIMIN CONCERNED AT RISING COSTS OF DEPT

SERVICES AND IS IN FAVOR OF USING UNUTILIZED AID TO IMPLEMENT
PROJECTS. FOR THIS REASON, ABD AL-GHANI SUPPORTED CHINESE OFFER
TO BUILD COTTON GINNING AND OIL EXTRACTION PLANT AT HODEIDA,
ALTHOUGH PRIVATE BRITISH FIRM HAD MADE FAVORABLE PROPOSAL AS WELL.
CHINESE OFFER WILL USE AS YET UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM US\$ 22.5 MILLION
1972 LOAN.
SCOTES

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CABINET, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, REORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GarlanWA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975SANAA00490
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750068-0487
From: SANAA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750215/aaaaamtk.tel
Line Count: 122
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION INR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 SANAA 0192, 75 STATE 020175
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GarlanWA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 AUG 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <14 AUG 2003 by GarlanWA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOR PRIMIN ABD AL-AZIZ ABD AL-GHANI
TAGS: PINR, PINT, YE, (AL-GHANI, ABD AL-AZIZ ABD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006